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#### SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Supplementing the previously filed Amendment dated August 26, 2004, the following further remarks are submitted.

Applicant's claims call for an opening (2a, 12a) in the bracket. The numerals 1b and 1c in Figs. 1 and 2 of JP 10-262352 ('352) do not disclose an opening in the bracket. Instead of an opening, a concave portion is formed by press working.

By utilizing an opening in the bracket, as set forth in applicant's claim, there is no need to forcibly press the bracket by a press, such as would be the case at the time of forming the concave portion in '352. In '352, after the concave portion is formed with the thickness of the plate forming a bracket, stresses are forcibly placed on the bracket, or the thickness of the entire plate may have to be increased due to the formation of the concave portion which hinders the capability of being able to make thinner motors. If a simple opening is formed, as in applicant's invention, there is no need to forcibly press the bracket member by a press. Accordingly, in addition to the reasons why applicant's claims are believed patentable over the cited prior art as set forth in the prior amendment, applicant's

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claims are further considered patentable over the cited prior art for the reaons set forth hereinabove.

Respectfully submitted,

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